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THE METROPOLITAN ADELAIDE TRANSPORT STUDY HAS NOW BEEN WITH US FOR SOME TWO YEARS, AND DURING THAT TIME BOTH MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA HAVE MADE THEIR POSITIONS ON THE PLAN VERY CLEAR. FOR THE LABOR PARTY, WE HAVE ALREADY BEEN CRITICAL OF THE PLAN'S PROJECTION OF FREEWAY SYSTEMS AS THE ONLY REALISTIC SOLUTION TO ADELAIDE'S FUTURE TRANSPORT PROBLEMS. AS IT STANDS AT THE MOMENT THE M.A.T.S. PLAN PROPOSES MASSIVE FREEWAY SYSTEMS AND AN EVER DIMINISHING USE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT. WE BELIEVE THAT SUCH PLANNING IS NOT ONLY REGRESSIVE BUT ALSO CREATES THE CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO A FINAL COLLAPSE OF EFFICIENT PUBLIC TRANSPORT. THE FACT IS THAT THE MORE YOU DESIGN A CITY FOR THE MOTOR CAR THE MORE MOTOR CARS YOU NEED IN THAT CITY.. AND SO THE WHOLE PROCESS SNOWBALLS - THE MORE FREEWAYS THERE ARE THE MORE YOU WILL NEED, AND ADELAIDE WITH THIS KIND OF PLANNING COULD END AS JAMMED UP, AND CUT UP, AND POLLUTED. BY EXHAUST GASES, AS LOS ANGELES IS TODAY.

THE LABOR PARTY HAS ALWAYS HELD THAT THE M.A.T.S. PLAN SHOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN PRESENTED TO THE PUBLIC IN ITS PRESENT FORM. IT HAS MEANT - AND STILL MEANS - GREAT INCONVENIENCE TO PEOPLE ON PROJECTED FREEWAY ROUTES, WHO ARE NOT SURE WHETHER THEIR PROPERTIES ARE TO GO OR LOSE VALUE GENERALLY. WE BELIEVE THAT THE PLAN SHOULD HAVE BEEN STUDIED BY THE PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT WITH A VIEW TO ASSESSING A MORE EFFECTIVE ROLE FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND A LESS RUTHLESS CUTTING UP OF PARKS, GARDENS AND SUBURBS. FURTHERMORE SINCE THE M.A.T.S. PLAN WAS REALLY BASED ON CRITERIA THAT DID NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE NEWLY DEVELOPING MASS TRANSIT TECHNOLOGIES, IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT SOME FURTHER PLANNING WOULD BE NEEDED TO INCORPORATE THEM.

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THEREFORE THE GOVERNMENT WAS PLEASED THIS WEEK TO ANNOUNCE THE ENGAGEMENT OF DR. SIEGFRIED BREUNING, VICE PRESIDENT OF SOCIAL TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS (MASS.) AS A CONSULTANT TO WORK WITH OFFICERS OF THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT, THE STATE PLANNING OFFICE, THE M.T.T., AND THE RAILWAYS, ON A PRELIMINARY STUDY OF THE CHANGES THAT WILL NEED TO BE MADE TO THE M.A.T.S. PLAN SO THAT WE DON'T FIND OURSELVES BUILDING TRANSPORT SYSTEMS THAT DON'T TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE NEW TECHNOLOGIES. DR. BREUNING WAS FORMERLY PROFESSOR-IN-CHARGE OF THE MASS. INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY'S "TRANSPORT PROJECTS" AND IS REGARDED AS ONE OF THE WORLD'S LEADING AUTHORITIES ON TRANSPORT ENGINEERING.

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